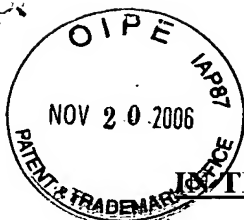


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SIR:

In the Office Action mailed on October 19, 2006 (the one-month response date for which is November 19, 2006), the Examiner required restriction/election as follows:

- 1) Group I of claims 1-4, 7-10, 13-16 and 19-24, drawn to embedding digital watermark data in digital data contents; and
- 2) Group II of claims 5-6, 11-12 and 17-18, drawn to reading digital watermark data embedded in digital data contents.

Accordingly, Applicants elect without traverse Group I, which include claims 1-4, 7-10, 13-16 and 19-24, drawn to embedding digital watermark data in digital data contents, according to the Office Action.

Applicants respectfully request an early and favorable action on the merits.

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